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1. ASANUMA ASSASSINATED

SOCIALIST (JSP) CHAIRMAN INEJIRO ASAMIMA STABBED TO DEATH  
AFTERNOON OCTOBER 12 WHILE ADDRESSING PUBLIC MEETING IN WHICH PRIMIN  
IKEDA AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST (DSP) CHAIRMAN NISHIO ALSO PARTICI-  
PATED. ASSAILANT WAS OTOYA YAMAGUCHI, 17-YEAR-OLD EXTREME RIGHTIST, WHO  
WAS ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY.

JSP CALLED ASSAILANT "CAT'S PAW OF CONSERVATIVE REACTIONARY  
FORCES" AND PLACED RESPONSIBILITY ON GOVT AND POLICE AUTHORITIES.  
NISHIO SAID OBJECT OF ATTACK WAS JSP, NOT ASANUMA PERSONALLY, AND  
BLAMED BOTH LDP AND JSP FOR HELPING CREATE "PRESENT FASCISTIC MOOD".  
JCP CALLED ASSASSINATION TRUE PICTURE OF "DARK POLITICS" CREATED BY

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"JAPAN-US MILITARY ALLIANCE". GOVT EXPRESSED REGRET AND CONDOLENCES, PROMISED DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY AND TRY"ELIMINATE SUCH DETESTABLE VIOLENCE".

EDITORIALS UNIVERSALLY CONDEMNED POLITICAL VIOLENCE, NOTING PREVIOUS STABBINGS OF KAWAKAMI AND KISHI; SAW NEED TO PROTECT PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY; ASKED FOR CONTROL OF RIGHTISTS; AND EXPRESSED FEAR OF FURTHER LOSS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFUDENCE. COMMENT INDICATED UNDERLYING ANXIETY THAT NEW WAVE OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN OFFING, AND URGED SOCIALISTS TO BE CALM. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: ASSASSINATION SHOCKED NATION AS FEW OTHER EVENTS IN POSTWAR PERIOD; IMPACT HEIGHTENED BY DRAMATIC PHOTOS CARRIED ALL PAPERS AND TV. ENENT HAS PROVIDED JSP WITH EMOTION-PACKED ELECTION ISSUE AND REINTRODUCED AIR OF TENSION THAT HAD LARGELY DISSIPATEDD SINCE END OF JUNE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 2. DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING ASANUMA'S ASSASSINATION

WITHIN TWO HOURS OF ASANUMA'S DEATH CROWD OF SEVERAL THOUSAND SOHYO, JSP AND ZENGAKUREN MEMBERS FILLED EUBLIC HALL TO HEAR SPEECHES PROTESTING ASSASSINATION, JSP EDUCATION AND

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PROPAGANDA CHAIRMAN KATSUMATA SAID INCIDENT WAS "CHALLENGE OF MONOPOLY CAPITAL TO LABOR", HOHYO CHAIRMAN KAORU OTA AND COMMUNIST CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN KATSUMI KIKUNAMI CHARGED "US IN BACK OF ASSASSINATION". AFTER MEETING, CROWD OF 12,300 PARADED TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, DIET AND PRIMIN'S RESIDENCE. DEMONSTRATIONS, WHICH LEFT WING HOPES TO CARRY ON ALMOST DAILY, RENEWED OCTOBER 13 WITH ABOUT 18,000 PARTICIPANTS. BOTH DAYS 300-500 ZENGAKUREN STUDENTS CLASHED WITH POLICE. SOHYO AND JSP BOAST THEY WILL TURN OUT 100,000 FOR MASS RALLY TOKYO OCTOBER 15.

GOJ OCTOBER 13 ACCEPTED RESIGNATION OF IWAO YAMAZAKI AS CHAIRMAN NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION. HIDEO SUTO, LOWER HOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, NAMED TO SUCCEED YAMAZAKI. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY) COMMENT: JSP, SOHYO, AND MOST OF PRESS CONVENIENTLY IGNORE FACT THAT LEFT WING'S DISREGARD OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES AND FREQUENT ACTS OF VIOLENCE, IN WHICH ASANUMA PLAYED PROMINENT ROLE, LARGELY CREATED CONDITIONS LEADING TO HIS ASSASSINATION. TOO EARLY TO ESTIMATE EXTENT TO WHICH NEW DEMONSTRATIONS BY LEFTISTS, AIMED CYNICALLY AT CAPITALIZING ON ASANUMA'S DEATH, MAY PROVOKE ANTAGONISM

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3. SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) CONVENTION (WEEKA 40, ITEM 2)

MUCH OF JSP CONVENTION OCTOBER 13 TAKEN UP WITH TRIBUTES TO FORMER CHAIRMAN ASANUMA AND ATTEMPTS TO PIN BLAME FOR HIS DEATH ON LDP. ELECTION POLICIES AND OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED WITH MINIMUM OF DEBATE. SEIGEN IEDA NAMED ACTING CHAIRMAN PARTY. CONVENTION RESOLUTION CHARGED CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN ULTRA-RIGHTISTS AND CONSERVATIVES, AND CALLED FOR RESIGNATION IKEDA CABINET AND PUNISHMENT OF ALL PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASANUMA'S ASSASSINATION. JSP WILL COOPERATE WITH SOHYO IN SERIES MASS DEMONSTRATIONS BEGINNING OCTOBER 15, AND HOLD NATION-WIDE MEMORIAL SERVICES OCTOBER 20. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY) COMMENT: JSP CONVENTION HAD NOT BEEN EXPECTED TO MAKE MUCH OF A SPLASH. PARTY LEADERS OBVIOUSLY RELIEVED TO HAVE NEW "ISSUE" AND WILL ATTEMPT TO SUSTAIN UNTIL ELECTIONS NATIONAL MOOD OF INDIGNATION OVER ASANUMA'S DEATH. TO EXTENT THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL SYMPATHY VOTES FOR JSP LIKELY TO HURT DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS COMPARATIVELY MORE THAN LDP.

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4. DIET TO CONVENE VTBJ 17(WEEKA 39, ITEM 1)

IMPERIAL EDICT ISSUED OCTOBER 8 CONVENING EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION ON OCTOBER 17; GOJ PLANS TO HOLD ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 20. ORIGINNAL INTENTION GOJ AND LDP WAS TO DISSOLVE DIET AFTER 3-4 DAYS, BUT CONSERVATIVES AGREED AT MEETING OF HEADS THREE MAJOR PARTIES OCTOBER 13 TO POSTPONE GOVT POLICY SPEECHES UNTIL AFTER ASANUMA'S FUNERAL OCTOBER 20. NOW ANTICIPATED DIET WILL BE DISSOLVED OCTOBER 25 OR 26 WITH NO CHANGE IN ELECTION DATE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SOCIALISTS, WHO EARLIER ARGUED FOR EXTENDED DIET SESSION, NOW ANXIOUS TO HOLD ELECTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PUBLIC SYMPATHY FOLLOWING ASANUMA'S DEATH (ITEMS 1 AND 2). (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. CROWN PRINCE AND PRINCESS RETURN (WEEKA 39, ITEM 5)

UPON RETURN ROYAL COUPLE OCTOBER 7 FROM US TOUR, CROWN PRINCE AND VIMIN MADE STATEMENTS EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR WELCOME ACCORDED BY AMERICANS. COMMENTATORS VOICED BELIEF VISIT HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN CONTRIBUTING TO FRIENDLY JAPAN-US RELATIONS, AND WARM

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COMMENT: JAPANESE MOST FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY CORDIAL US  
RECEPTION, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF MISGIVINGS THAT SOME "UNPLEASANTNESS"  
MIGHT OCCUR AS RESULT POSTPONEMENT PRESIDENT'S VISIT. PUBLIC RESPONSE  
INDICATES THAT PRESTIGE OF IMPERIAL FAMILY AS WELL AS PERSONAL  
POPULARITY OF ROYAL COUPLE ENHANCED BY VISIT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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1. DIET (WEEK 41, ITEM 4)

36TH EXTRAORDINARY DIET CONVENED OCTOBER 17, BUT APART FROM MEMORIAL ADDRESS FOR ASANCTA BY PRIMIN IKEDA OCTOBER 18, SESSION LARGELY MARKED TIME UNTIL AFTER ASUNUMA FUNERAL (ITEM 2). IKEDA AND LEADING MINISTERS SCHEDULED TO DELIVER POLICY SPEECHES OCTOBER 21. PRIMIN WILL REPORTEDLY REAFFIRM JAPAN'S BASIC POLICY OF COOPERATION WITH UN AND FREE WORLD, CALL FOR RIGID ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING LAWS TO SUPPRESS TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE, AND FURTHER EXPLAIN ADMINISTRATION ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES (WEEK 36, ITEM 1). PUBLISHED "PREVIEWS" OF INTERPELLATIONS ON POLICY SPEECHES INDICATE JSP WILL ATTEMPT TO PIN BLAME FOR ASSASSINATION ON CONSERVATIVES, AND DSP WILL CALL FOR RESPECT PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS, POINTING OUT THAT

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ASSASSINATION HAD ITS ORIGIN IN TURBULENT REGULAR DIET SESSION AND DEMONSTRATIONS EARLIER IN YEAR. LDP, JSP, AND DSP HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO INTRODUCE JOINT RESOLUTION TO ERADICATE VIOLENCE JUST PRIOR TO DIET DISSOLUTION, NOW PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 24. (UNCLASSIFIED) COMMENT: ALL PARTIES WILL TRY TO USE DIET AS FORUM FOR ELECTION CAMPAIGN BUT UNPRECEDENTED EULOGY FOR OPPOSITION MEMBER BY IKEDA SHOULD WEAKEN SOCIALIST EFFORTS TO CAPITALIZE ON ASANUMA'S DEATH. DIFFICULTIES EXPECTED IN DRAFTING JOINT RESOLUTION ON VIOLENCE, SINCE LDP AND DSP WILL PROBABLY INSIST IT BE ADDRESSED TO ACTS OF LEFTISTS AS WELL AS RIGHTISTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ASANUMA FUNERAL (WEEK 41, ITEM 1)

SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) SPONSORED PUBLIC FUNERAL FOR CHAIRMAN ASANUMA AT TOKYO'S HIBIYA HALL OCTOBER 20, ATTENDED BY MAY PROMINENT POLITICAL FIGURES, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER IKEDA. IN BLATANTLY POLITICAL ADDRESS, JSP'S TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN IKEDA ACCUSED LDP OF "FOSTERING RIGHTISM", CHARGED IKEDA CABINET "POLITICALLY RESPONSIBLE" FOR ASANUMA'S ASSASSINATION AND DEMANDED IT RESIGN. SENATOR IWAI OF SOHYO, MIYAGUCHI OF PEOPLE'S COUNCIL AGAINST SECURITY TREATY (COMMIE FRONT),

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AND JCP CHAIRMAN NOSAKA TOOK SIMILAR LINE. PRIMIN IKEDA DISDAINED ANY RESPONSE TO LEFT-WING ACCUSATIONS, EXPRESSED SINCERE REGRET FOR ASANUMA'S DEATH, AND INDICATED DETERMINATION TO BANISH VIOLENCE FROM JAPAN. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: DOUBTFUL THAT LEFT-WINGERS' POLITICAL SPEECHES AT FUNERAL WILL SIT WELL WITH MASS OF PUBLIC. IKEDA'S QUIET AND DIGNIFIED STATEMENT WAS CLEARLY PART OF GOVT EFFORT (INCLUDING CONDOLENCES FROM EMPEROR TO ASANUMA'S WIDOW) CAREFULLY CONCEIVED TO UNDERCUT LEFT WING EXPLOITATION OF ASSASSINATION (SEE ITEM 1.). (CONFIDENTIAL). 3. DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING ASANUMA ASSASSINATION (WEEK 41, ITEM 2) TWO MAJOR DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING ASANUMA ASSASSINATION HELD DURING PAST WEEK, BUT PARTICIPATION WELL BELOW LEFT-WING TARGETS. ONLY MINOR SCUFFLES WITH POLICE REPORTED.

POLICE ESTIMATE ABOUT 200,000 JOINED IN OCTOBER 15 STRIKES, RALLIES, DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT NATION KEYED TO ASSASSINATION BUT ALSO CONSTITUTING SOHYO-SPONSORED "THIRD WAVE" OF FALL WAGE OFFENSIVE (WEEK 40, ITEM 5). IN TOKYO, ZENGAKUREN ABLE TO MOBILIZE ONLY ABOUT 1,350 MEMBERS, LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF TARGET.

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POLICE ESTIMATE ABOUT 140,000 PARTICIPATED IN NATION-WIDE RALLIES AND PARADES OCTOBER 20 SPONSORED BY PEOPLE'S COUNCIL AGAINST SECURITY TREATY. ASANUMA'S ASHES BROUGHT TO TOKYO RALLY FOLLOWING JSP FUNERAL CEREMONIES (ITEM 2), AFTER WHICH LEFT-WINGERS PARADED THROUGH STREETS, STOPPING BEFORE JSP HEADQUARTERS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO ASANUMA.

PRESS HAS NOTICEABLE PLAYED DOWN DEMONSTRATIONS, IN RESPONSE POLICE REQUEST AVOID SENSATIONALIZING ACTIVITIES OF ZENGAKUREN AND OTHER LEFT-WING ROWDIES FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION. (CONFIDENTIAL) COMMENT: RELATIVELY LIMITED PARTICIPATION IN PROTEST CAMPAIGN SUGGESTS LEFT WING RANK AND FILE TIRING OF DEMONSTRATIONS; PEACEFUL CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS REFLECTS DESIRE OF LEFT WING LEADERSHIP TO AVOID PROVOKING HOSTILITY OF PUBLIC WITH ELECTIONS AROUND CORNER. (CONFIDENTIAL) 4. JAPAN-KOREA (WEEKA 40, ITEM 6)

JAPAN RED CROSS AND NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS REMAIN DEADLOCKED RHOVER RENEWAL CALCUTTA REPATRIATION AGREEMENT AS RESULT UNMODIFIED NORTH KOREAN DEMAND FOR UNCONDITIONAL ONE YEAR'S EXTENSION. PUBLIC BUILDING UP RAPIDLY FOR ACCEPTANCE NORTH KOREAN TERMS. CAMPAIGN

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CAMPAIGN/PACED BY MILITANT CHOSEN SOREN AND EXPLOITED BY JSP BUT  
SUPPORTED BY LARGE NUMBER LDP AND CONSERVATIVE GROUPS WHO BELIEVE  
PROGRAM MUST BE CONTINUED AS LONG AS SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS  
KOREANS APPLY FOR REPATRIATION. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)  
COMMENT: FONMIN UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE TO ACCEPT ONE YEAR'S  
RENEWAL AS ONLY WAY AVOID SERIOUS POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES WHICH WOULD  
ENSUE FROM RUPTURE OF PROGRAM. MINISTRIES NOW/ATTEMPTING  
TO N O T AGR D POSITION, FOR CABINET/CONSIDERATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
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5. MSDF TOUR FOR NOREIGN ATTACHE

THIRTEEN FOREIGN NAVAL ATTACHES FROM ARGENTINA, BRAZIL,  
BURMA, CANADA, CHINA, FRANCE, GERMANY, INDIA, PHILIPPINES, THAILAND,  
U.K., U.S., AND U.S.S.R. WERE GIVEN THREE-DAY TOUR OCTOBER 12-14, OF  
MSDF FACILITIES AT ETAJIMA AND CRUISE IN DESTROYER SHIKINAMI.  
INVITATIONS WERE ISSUED IN NAME OF VICE ADMIRAL IHARA, CHIEF OF  
MARITIME STAFF OFFICE (MSO); REWR ADMIRAL ICHIKIZAKI, CHIEF OF  
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, MSO, ACTED AS HOST. (UNCLASSIFIED)  
COMMENT: TOUR REPRESENTED FIRST MAJOR EFFORT IN THIS DIRECTION

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SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF MSDF. ALTHOUGH ADM IHARA AND MSO WERE NOMINAL SPONSORS, IT IS BELIEVED DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) ENCOURAGED MSDF TO SET UP TOUR. EVENT WAS WELL PLANNED, CONVEYED IMPRESSION OF HIGH CALIBER OF MSDF OFFICERS AND MEN, AND INDICATED GROWING SELF-CONFIDENCE AND FEELING WITHIN JDA/MSO OF ACCEPTANCE BY JAPANESE PUBLIC.

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1. DIET (WEEK 42, ITEM 1)

IN ADMINISTRATION POLICY SPEECHES AND INTERPELLATIONS THAT FOLLOWED OCTOBER 21-23, PRIMIN IKEDA AND OTHER GOJ SPOKESMEN TOOK FIRM STAND AGAINST VIOLENCE OF BOTH RIGHT AND LEFT, AND SAID THEY WOULD TAKE MEASURES TO PROMOTE CONFIDENCE IN GOVT'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER THROUGHOUT STRICT OBSERVANCE OF EXISTING LEGISLATION. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IKEDA AND FOMIN KOSAKA REJECTED NEUTRALISM AS "ILLUSION" UNSUITABLE TO JAPAN'S INTERNATIONAL SITUATION; REAFFIRMED INTENT TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH US; AND SAID THEY HAD NO THOUGHT OF REVISING SECURITY TREATY. SECSTATE (70 COPIES VIA D DESK-STATE POUCH LONDON).....ACT CNO/CSA/CSAF//SECDEF//JCS//CIA.....COG CMC..OCB

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WHICH PEOPLE WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ENDORSE IN GENERAL ELECTION.  
GOJ ALSO ELABORATED ON NEW ECONOMIC POLICIES.  
AFTER BOTH HOUSES PASSED "RESOLUTIONS TO ERADICATE VIOLENCE",  
DIET WAS DISSOLVED EVENING OCTOBER 24. CABINET MEETING NEXT  
DAY OFFICIALLY SET OCTOBER 30 AS BEGINNING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN  
AND NOVEMBER 20 AS POLLING DATE (WEEK 36, ITEM 1) (OFFICIAL  
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COMMENT: THROUGHOUT SESSION, JSP ATTEMPTED TO MAKE MOST OF  
ASANUMA ASSASSINATION, BUT LDP SUCCESSFULLY CONTAINED IMPACT OF  
THIS ISSUE, AND REFUSED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE.  
AT SAME TIME GOJ ABLY PRESENTED ITS BASIC POLICIES TO PUBLIC.  
IKEDA CABINET'S FORTHRIGHT STAND AGAINST NEUTRALISM AND FOR  
CLOSE RELATIONS WITH US ESPECIALLY WELCOME ON EVE OF ELECTION  
CAMPAIGN IN WHICH SOCIALISTS WILL ATTEMPT TO WIN SUPPORT FOR ITS  
NEUTRALIST POLICY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ELECTION CAMPAIGN (WEEK 39, ITEM 1)

ALTHOUGH CAMPAIGN DOES NOT OFFICIALLY OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER  
30 (ITEM 1), SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) HELD "MEMORIAL MEETING FOR  
ASANUMA" IN OSAKA OCTOBER 26 ATTENDED BY 2,000 PARTY FAITHFUL AND  
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DESCRIBED BY PRESS AS PARTY'S "FIRST ELECTION SPEECH MEETING".  
SECCEN EDA PLEDGED JSP WOULD FIGHT TO SCRAP NEW SECURITY TREATY,  
CALLED FOR JAPAN TO ADOPT NEUTRALISM, CHARGED IKEA GOVERNMENT WITH  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR "RIGHTIST TERRORISM".

AT KANAWA OCTOBER 27 CHARIMAN NISHIO OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS  
(DPS) RIDICULED JSP'S FOREIGN POLICY AS A "FALSE NEUTRALISM".

IN SHARP JAB AT JSP'S RECORD, NISHIO SAID IF ITS  
PROFESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH US ARE SINCERE, JSP SHOULD SEND  
MISSION TO US "TO APOLOGIZE FOR GAGERTY INCIDENT".

IKEDA OPENS NEW STUMPING TOUR WITH SPEECHES AT YAMANASHI AND  
NAGANO OCTOBER 31. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: WHILE STRESSING NEUTRALISM AND SCURITY TREATY, JSP  
OBVIOUSLY INTENDS EXPLOIT ASANUMA DEATH TO MAXIMUM IN  
QUEST FOR VOTES. NISHIO'S ATTACH CONFIRMS EXPECTATION OF  
INTENSE JSP-DSP COMPETITION IN CAMPAIGN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. NORTH KOREAN REPAT AGREEMENT EXTENDED (WEEKA 42, ITEM 6)

JAPAN RED CROSS AND NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS SIGNED DOCUMENT  
IN NIIGATA OCTOBER 27 IN WHICH JAPAN AGREED TO EXTEND CALCUTTA

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REPATRIATION AGREEMENT FOR ONE YEAR IN RETURN FOR NORTH KOREAN ASSURANCE BEGIN EARLY DISCUSSION SPECIFIC MEASURES TO SPEED UP REPATRIATION PROCESS. STRONG JAPANESE PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF EXTENSION QUALIFIED BY SOME CONCERN RE EFFECT ON RELATIONS WITH ROK. ROK OFFICIALS, WHO INFORMED IN AVANCE, PREDICTED UNFORTUNATE SETBACK IN ROK POPULAR OPINION TOWARD JAPAN BUT PERSONALLY HOPED JAPAN-ROK TALKS (SEE ITEM 4) WOULD BE ABLE PROCEED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: GOJ DECIDED ACCEPT ABOVE FORMULA AS ONLY WAY AVOID RUPTURE REPATRIATION, WHICH CABINET BELIEVED WOULD PRESENT UNACCEPTABLE RISKS IN TERMS INTERNAL SECURITY AND FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. JAPAN-ROK TALKS (WEEKA 40, ITEM 6)

JAPAN-ROK PRELIMINARY TALKS CONVENED WITH PLENARY SESSION OCTOBER 25 AFTER WHICH INFORMAL STEERING GROUP OF SENIOR DELEGATES BEGAN CONFERENCES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP AGENDA AND EVENTUALLY WORK OUT PATTERN FOR COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF RHEE LINE, CLAIMS, ETC. SPECIALIZED SUBCOMMITTEES WILL NOT BEGIN MEETINGS UNTIL MID-NOVEMBER TO ALLOW ROKG TIME COMPLETE PREPARATIONS AND CONSIDER POLICY IN

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LIGHT REPATRIATION ISSUE (ITEM 3). (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: INITIAL MEETINGS VERY FRIENDLY. NEGOTIATORS ON BOTH SIDES HOPE GREATLY IMPROVED JAPAN-ROK ATMOSPHERE WILL ENABLE THEM TO REACH OVER-ALL SETTLEMENT IN 1961. HOWEVER, NEITHER GOJ NOR ROKG EXPECTS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS BEFORE NEW YEAR, AT EARLIEST. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. TRIAL OF DEMONSTRATORS OPENS (WEEKA 33, ITEM 3)

TOKYO DISTRICT COURT OCTOBER 26 OPENED HEARINGS IN FIRST OF TEN CASES INVOLVING ABOUT 100 LEFTIST DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER DURING DEMONSTRATIONS AND RIOTS IN PAST YEAR. NINE DEFENDANTS IN FIRST CASE, ALL ZENGAKUREN MEMBERS, BROKE INTO DIET COMPOUND NOVEMBER 27, 1959. CASES OF OTHER DEFENDANTS (WHO PARTICIPATED IN HANEDA INCIDENT IN JANUARY, HAGERTY INCIDENT IN JUNE, AND JUNE 15 DIET RIOT) EXPECTED TO COME TO TRIAL BEFORE END OF YEAR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: TRIALS WILL BE IMPORTANT TEST OF LEFTIST CONTENTION THAT DEMONSTRATIONS REPRESENT LEGITIMATE FORM OF PETITION AND PROTEST. WHILE PAST EXAMPLES INDICATE IT MAY TAKE SOME MONTHS BEFORE

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COURT REACHES DECISION, FIRM RULLING AGAINST DISORDERLY "MASS ACTIONS'S" WOULD GREATLY STRENGTHEN HAND OF POLICE. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

6. NEW CHIEF JUSTICE

KISABURO YOKOTA SUCCEEDED RETIRING KOTARA TANAKA AS CHIEF JUSTICE OCTOBER 25. PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF TOKYO UNIVERSITY AND AUTHORITY ON INTERNATIONAL LAW, YOKOTA HAS BEEN ADVISER TO PONOFF. IN INITIAL STATEMENT TO PRESS, YOKOTA SAID ONE OF THIS URGENT TASKS IS TO ENCOURAGE JUDGES TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER IN COURTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: LIKE TANAKA, YOKOTA IS STAUNCHLY PRO-WESTERN, AND HAS BEEN OUTSPOKEN SUPPORTER OF SECURITY TREATY. CURRENT PUBLIC FEELING AGAINST VIOLENCE SHOULD ASSIST HIM IN EFFORT TO COPE WITH LEFTIST OBSTRUCTION OF JUDICIAL PROCESSES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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7. USSR NEGOTIATING FOR LARGE TANKER

USSR IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH IINO SHIPBUILDING FOR PURCHASE OF 40,000 DEADWEIGHT-TON TANKER LAUNCHED IN FEBRUARY 1960 FOR AQUILA TANKERS OF LIBERIA, BUT NOT ACCEPTED BY

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COMMENT: IF SUCCESSFUL, THIS WILL BE SECOND LARGE TANKER PURCHASED IN JAPAN BY USSR WITHIN ONE MONTH. (FIRST WAS 35,000 DWT "MIR," PURCHASED FROM HARIMA SHIPBUILDING AFTER REJECTION BY ARMADORA TRANSOCEANICA LINE OF PANAMA. "MIR" PURCHASE CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED AND APPROVED BY MITI, BUT SHIP NOT YET DELIVERED.) THIS POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL PURCHASE REEMPHASIZES EFFORTS OF SOVIET UNION TO CORRECT ITS TANKER SHORTAGE.  
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